

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- a' 1. (Currently amended): A method of organizing a plurality of objects, comprising the steps of:
[selecting a first and second object] receiving user selections of multiple objects from the plurality of objects;
creating a group from the [first and second] multiple objects;
automatically determining first selected object of the group, the first selected object being the object of the group that was selected by a user first;
designating [one of the selected objects] the first selected object as a representative of the group;
and
displaying the representative of the group with the plurality of objects.
2. (Original): The method of claim 1, wherein an object may be part of more than one group.
3. (Canceled):
4. (Original): The method of claim 1, wherein the step of displaying the representative of the group further includes not displaying the other objects of the group, and indicating that the object being displayed is a representative of the group.
5. (Currently amended): The method of claim 1, further including the steps of:
detecting [a third] an additional object; and,
adding [the third] the additional object to the group, responsive to the detecting step.

6. (Original): The method of claim 1, wherein the objects of the group may be viewed by selecting the representative.

7. (Original): The method of claim 1, wherein the representative of the group may be changed.

8. (Original): The method of claim 1, wherein the objects of the group will be treated as a single object such that when a search is performed on the plurality of objects the representative will be returned if any of the objects of the group meet a search parameter.

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9. (Currently amended): An article of manufacture including an information storage medium wherein is stored information for programming a computer to perform a method of organizing a plurality of objects, the method comprising the steps of:

[selecting a first and second object] receiving user selections of multiple objects from the plurality of objects;

creating a group from the [first and second] multiple objects;

automatically determining a first selected object of the group, the first selected object being the object of the group that was selected by a user first;

designating [one of the selected objects] the first selected object as a representative of the group;
and,

displaying the representative of the group with the plurality of objects.

10. (Original): An article of manufacture wherein information is stored for programming as in claim 9, wherein an object may be part of more than one group.

11. (Cancelled):

12. (Original): An article of manufacture wherein information is stored for programming as in claim 9, wherein the step of displaying the representative of the group further includes not displaying the other objects of the group, and indicating that the object being displayed is a representative of the first and second objects.

13. (Currently amended): An article of manufacture wherein information is stored for programming as in claim 9, further including the steps of:

a' detecting [a third] an additional object; and

adding [the third] the additional object to the group responsive to the detecting step.

14. (Original): An article of manufacture wherein information is stored for programming as in claim 9, wherein the objects of the group may be viewed by selecting the representative.

15. (Original): An article of manufacture wherein information is stored for programming as in claim 9, wherein the objects of the group will be treated as a single object such that when a search is performed on the plurality of objects the representative will be returned if any of the objects of the group meet a search parameter.

16. (Original): An article of manufacture wherein information is stored for programming as in claim 9, wherein the representative may be changed.

17. (Currently amended): An apparatus for organizing a plurality of objects, comprising:
a processor;
a display device in communication with the processor; and,
a processor readable storage medium in communication with the processor, containing process readable program code for programming the apparatus to perform the method of organizing a plurality of objects, the method comprising the steps of:

[selecting a first and second object] receiving user selections of multiple objects from the plurality of objects;

creating a group from the [first and second] multiple objects;

automatically determining a first selected object of the group, the first selected object being the object of the group that was selected by a user first;

designating [one of the selected objects] the first selected object as a representative of the group;

and,

displaying the representative of the group with the plurality of objects.

18. (Original): The apparatus of claim 17, wherein an object may be part of more than one group.

19. (Cancelled):

20. (Original): The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the step of displaying the representative of the group further includes not displaying the other objects of the group, and indicating that the object being displayed is the representative of the group.

21. (Currently amended): The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the processor readable program code contained in the processor readable storage medium further includes the steps of:

detecting [a third] an additional object; and,

adding [the third] the additional object to the group responsive to the detecting step.

22. (Original): The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the objects of the group may be viewed by selecting the representative.

23. (Original): The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the objects of the group will be treated as a single object such that when a search is performed on the plurality of objects the representative will be returned if any of the objects of the group meet a search parameter.

24. (Original): The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the representative may be changed.
